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OUR TURN!



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ISSUE**

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He's Become Unbearable!

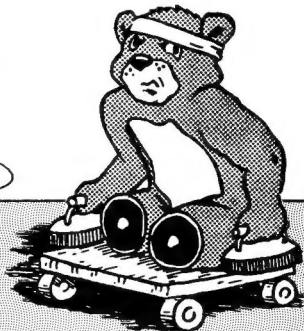
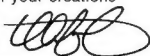
This issue we're doing things a little differently. Instead of focusing on a single theme, we're shooting (literally) at one particular character: Boris the Bear. We received a number of letters that, while agreeing with his intentions, felt Boris' methods may have been a wee bit extreme. We took a long look at him and decided he needed to be taken down a peg or two. (*Hey, if it can be done to Superman, why not a bear.*)

Anyway, the project was given to John Stephenson, who developed the concept of a full-issue story instead of our usual multi-installment format. While he worked on the script, I contacted the artists whose characters were attacked by Boris and I'm happy to say most of them were more than willing to be included. They either contributed pages or the use of their critters. Andy Ice of *ALIEN DUCKLINGS* fame did a bang-up job drawing it, and the lovely Jorge Pacheco did his usual sterling lettering work.

Before we get started, however, a special **THANK YOU** to:

Lee Marrs, Michael Kelly, Monica Sharp & Dave Garcia, Robert Crabb, Peter Laird & Keven Eastman, and all the critters who were wiped out by Boris.

Also, our apologies to all the artists who, for whatever reason, were unable to contribute to this issue; we hope we kept the style of your creations intact.



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..GET BORE-US
THE BEAR!





HEY! THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A SECRET MEETING!

YEAH, SHOUT A LITTLE LOUDER! THEY DIDN'T HEAR YA IN OHIO.

WHAT A MAROON.

PIPE DOWN. THE SHOW'S ABOUT TO START.

A HUSH FALLS OVER THE ASSEMBLAGE AS A MYSTERIOUS FIGURE MOUNTS THE STAGE.



QUIET!

YOU QUIET!

SHH!

YOU SHH!

I DID!



GOOD EVENING. THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING.

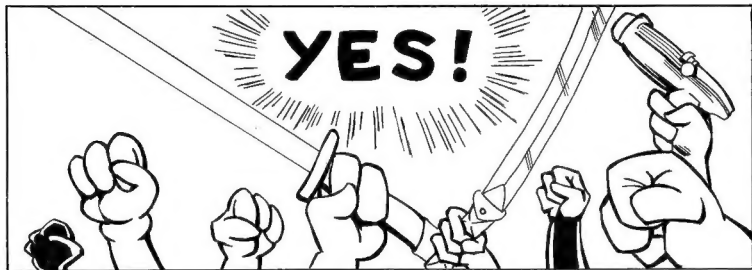
YOU ALL KNOW WHY WE ARE HERE.

NOT LONG AGO, THIS BEAR PASSED JUDGEMENT AND FOUND US... WANTING.

SO, UZI IN HAND AND MIND IN NEUTRAL, HE DISPENSED HIS OWN BRAND OF RIOTOUS SATIRE AND SUPPOSEDLY SLAUGHTERED US ALL!

DO WE LET THIS AFFRONT GO UNCHALLENGED? DO WE GIVE THIS URSINE UPSTART A TASTE OF HIS OWN MEDICINE?

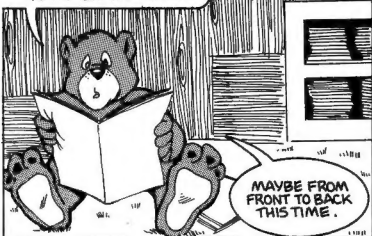




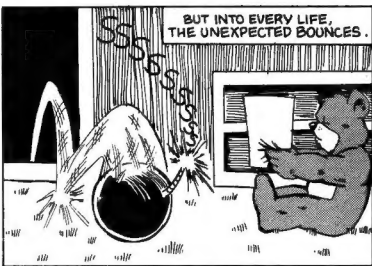
THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS IN LIFE THAT ARE OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE, THAT REQUIRE CARE AND DETAIL TO EVERY FACET.



WELL... I GUESS I'LL READ ALL MY COMICS AGAIN.



BUT INTO EVERY LIFE, THE UNEXPECTED BOUNCES.

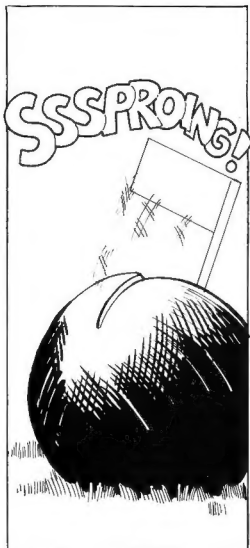


USUALLY NOT SOMETHING THIS DRASTIC.



I HOPE MY EARLY ISSUES DON'T GET HURT TOO BAD.







NOW THEN,
WHERE DO I
START ?

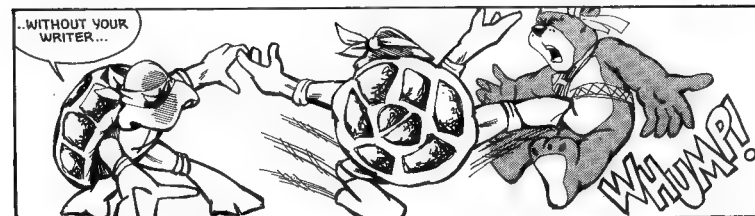
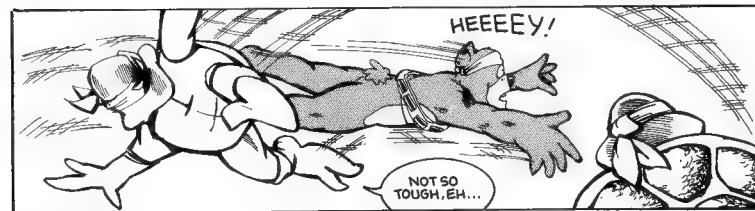
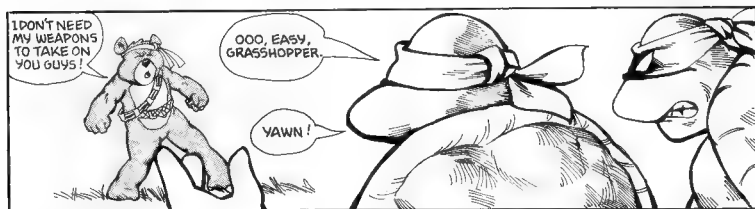
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UNTIED, PAL.

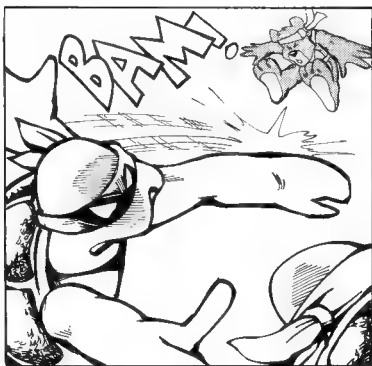
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ZIP

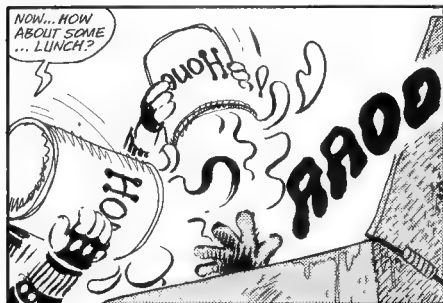
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DON'T HAVE
SHOES...

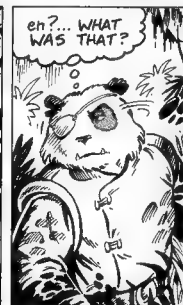
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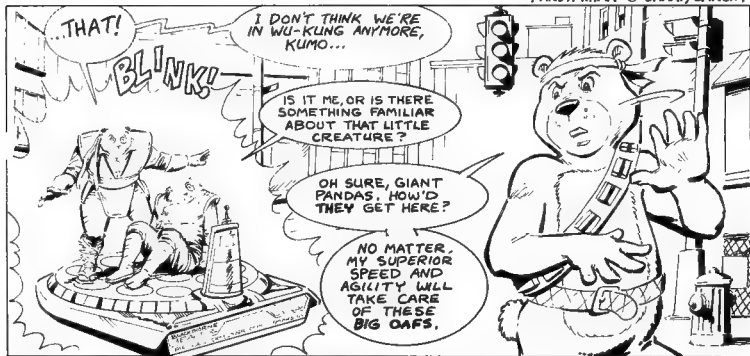


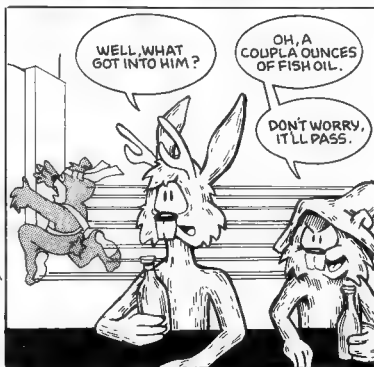


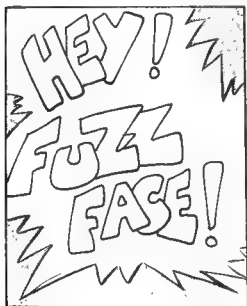


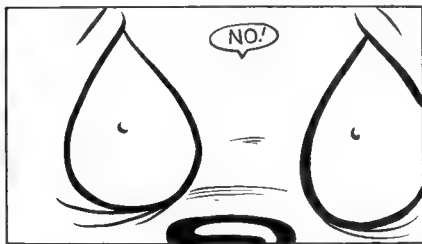
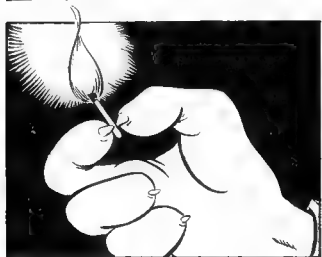
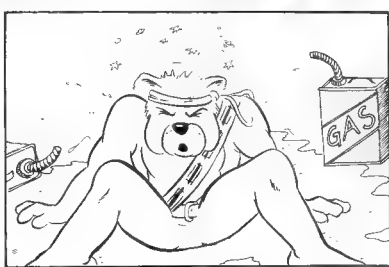
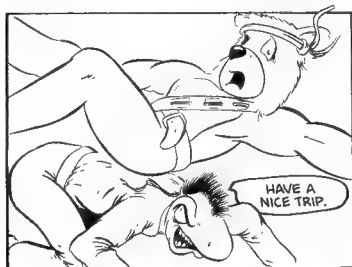


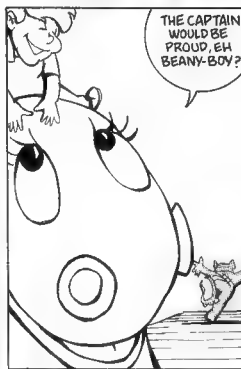
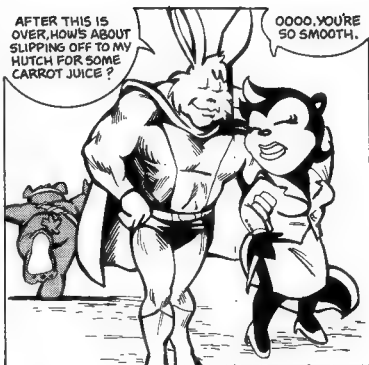




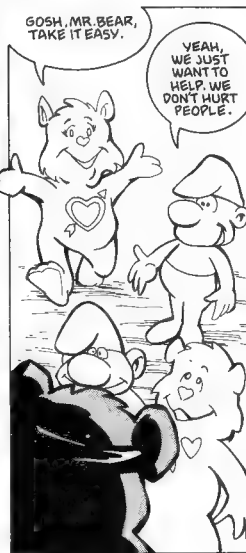






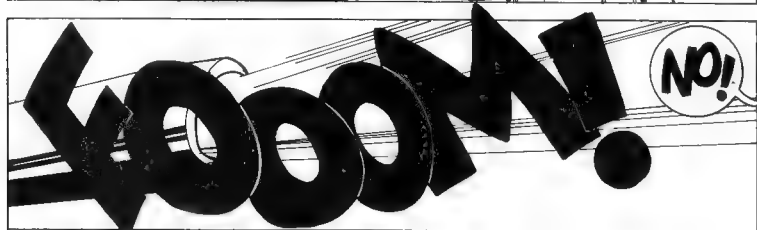
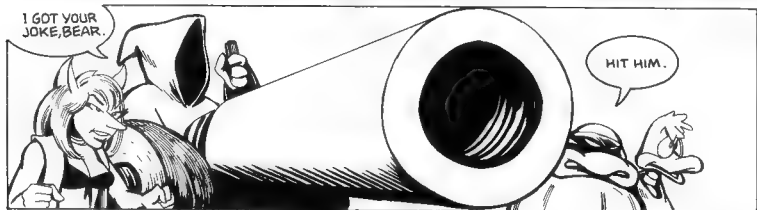
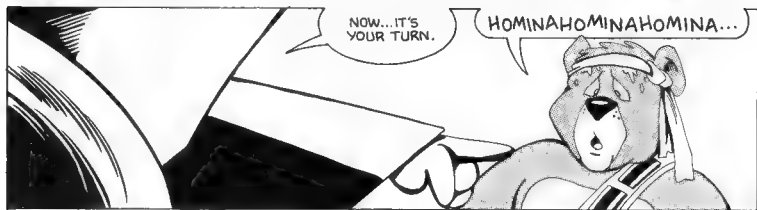
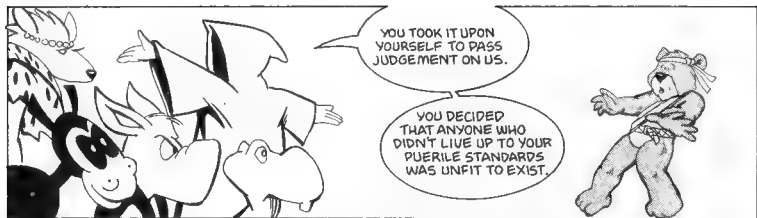












SPLORTCH







I AM
NOT
A
FUNNY
ANIMAL!



OK, YOU'RE
NOT REAL
FUNNY, BUT
YOU GOT
POTENTIAL.

AND SO DO ALOT OF
THESE GUYS. NOBODY'S
MAKING YOU READ THEM.
IF YOU DON'T LIKE THEM,
THEN DON'T BUY 'EM.



BUT YOU CAN'T WRITE THEM
OFF IF YOU HAVEN'T TRIED THEM.
JUST GIVE 'EM A CHANCE. YOU
MIGHT EVEN LIKE SOME. AT LEAST
GIVE THEM THEIR CHANCE.



SO... I
OVER-REACTED?

ONLY COMPLETELY.
BUT STICK WITH ME,
KID. I'LL BE GLAD
TO SHOW YOU
THE ROPES.



THANKS, DROOP.
I'VE ALWAYS
LIKED YOU, BUT...
HOW COME YOU'VE
BEEN GONE
SO LONG?

I'VE
BEEN SICK.

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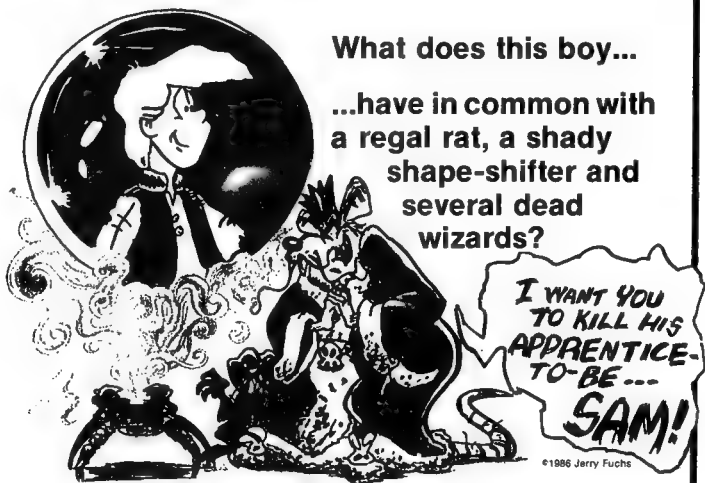
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THIS ROPE
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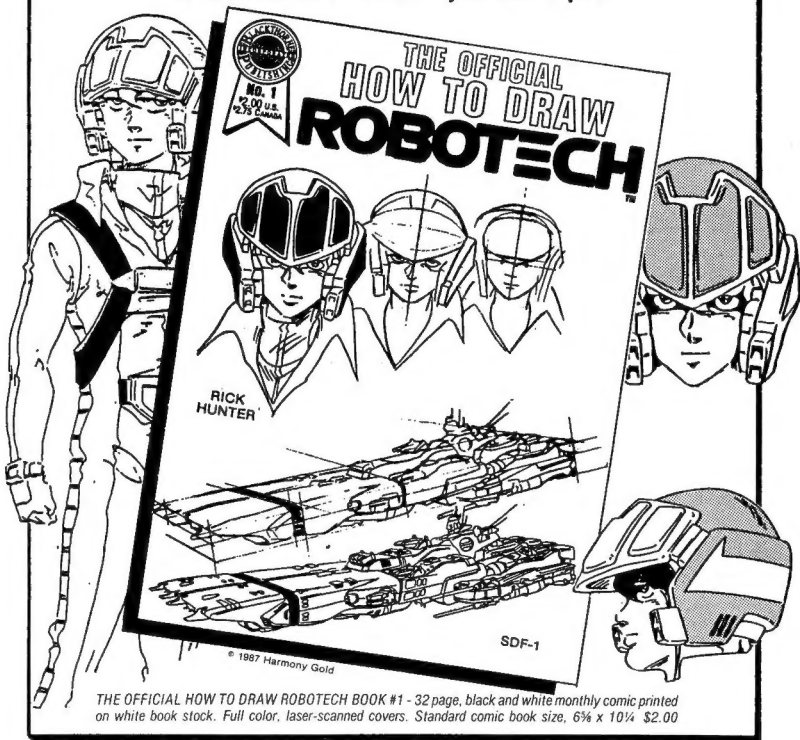
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